

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, for the Use
and Benefit of CECCANTI, INC.; and
CECCANTI, INC., a Washington corporation,

Plaintiffs,

v.

ARCHER WESTERN FEDERAL JV, a Joint
Venture; WALSH FEDERAL, LLC; ARCHER
WESTERN CONTRACTORS, LLC, a
Delaware limited liability company; and
TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY
COMPANY OF AMERICA, a Connecticut
corporation,

Defendants.

NO.

MILLER ACT COMPLAINT

JURY DEMAND

Plaintiffs, United States of America, for the use and benefit of Ceccanti, Inc., and
Ceccanti, Inc. (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Ceccanti"), allege as follows:

I. PARTIES

1. Ceccanti is, and at all times material to this action was, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Washington, and a licensed construction contractor under the laws of the State of Washington. Ceccanti has met all other prerequisites to maintain this action.

2. Defendant Archer Western Federal JV is a joint venture between defendants Walsh Federal, LLC and Archer Western Contractors, LLC (these three defendants are

1 collectively referred to as “Archer”). Archer was the prime contractor to the United States
2 Army Corps of Engineers (“Owner”) for the construction project known as “USACE AAC
3 Large Hangar, W912DW-14-C-0023,” at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington State
4 (the “Project”).

5 3. Ceccanti provided labor and materials for the Project as a subcontractor to
6 Archer.

7 4. Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America (“Travelers”), on
8 information and belief, is a Connecticut corporation and a compensated surety and bonding
9 company for Archer.

10 II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

11 5. This Court has jurisdiction as this case arises under the Miller Act, 40 U.S.C.
12 § 3131, *et seq.* In accordance with the Miller Act, and as part of its obligations pertaining to
13 the Project, Archer, as principal, and Travelers, as surety, provided to the United States of
14 America a payment bond, Bond No. 106133964 (“Bond”). The Bond is attached as Exhibit
15 A. Archer and Travelers are each jointly and severally liable for full payment up to the penal
16 sum of the Bond to persons and entities who supplied labor and materials in connection with
17 the Project, including Ceccanti.

18 6. This Court also has supplemental jurisdiction over this dispute pursuant to 28
19 U.S.C. §1367.

20 7. This action involves a payment dispute on a Federal Government construction
21 project in Pierce County, Washington. Venue is proper in this Judicial District, pursuant to
22 28 U.S.C. §1391 and 40 U.S.C. §3133(b)(3)(B), because the Project is located in this Judicial
23 District, and the events or omissions giving rise to the claims occurred in this District.

24 8. This action should be assigned to the Tacoma Division, because the claims
arose in, and the location of the Project is in Pierce County, Washington.

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III. FACTS

9. Ceccanti entered into a subcontract (the "Subcontract") with Archer, by which Ceccanti agreed to provide certain labor and materials in connection with the Project.

10. Ceccanti has performed all conditions, covenants, obligations, and promises required to be performed on its part under the Subcontract or has been excused from so doing by the actions, omissions, and/or directions of Archer or by operation of law, but has not been paid in full for its work.

11. During Ceccanti's performance on the Project, Ceccanti's work was delayed, changed, and impacted by Archer and other causes beyond Ceccanti's reasonable control and for which Archer is responsible. As a result, Ceccanti was forced to incur substantial costs beyond Ceccanti's reasonable contemplation at the time of its bid and execution of the subcontract with Archer.

12. Archer has wrongfully failed to pay Ceccanti for work performed pursuant to the Subcontract and for Ceccanti's additional costs incurred in compliance with Archer's directives. The unpaid principal amount due and owing is \$154,444.00.

IV. FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION: CLAIM AGAINST PAYMENT BOND UNDER MILLER ACT

13. At the time of filing suit, more than ninety (90) days, but less than one year, has expired from the last date upon which Ceccanti furnished labor and materials to the Project. Ceccanti has otherwise satisfied all the requirements for pursuing a claim against the Bond.

14. Archer has wrongfully failed to pay Ceccanti for work performed on the Project. Under the Subcontract and applicable law, Ceccanti is entitled to recover its reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred to enforce the Subcontract, collect damages for Archer's breaches, and recover on the Bond.

15. In accordance with the terms of the Bond and the Miller Act, Archer and Travelers are jointly and severally liable to Ceccanti in the principal amount of \$154,444.00,

1 together with interest at the maximum rate legally permissible from the date said sums were
2 due, costs, all recoverable attorneys' fees, and such other amounts as may be proven at trial.

3 **V. SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION: BREACH OF CONTRACT**

4 16. Under the Subcontract and applicable law, Ceccanti is entitled to recover its
5 reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred to enforce the Subcontract, collect damages for
6 Archer's breach, and recover on the Bond. Archer has failed to pay the sum of \$154,444.00,
7 or such other sum as will be proven at trial, owing under the terms of the Subcontract and for
8 costs incurred due to Archer's directives, actions, and omissions. Archer's conduct in failing
9 and refusing to timely pay Ceccanti for all labor and material provided to the Project
10 constitutes a breach of the Subcontract.

11 17. As a direct and proximate result of Archer's breach, Ceccanti has suffered
12 damages in the amount of \$154,444.00 together with interest at the maximum legally
13 permissible rate from the date said sums were due, costs, attorneys' fees, and such other
14 amounts as may be proven at trial.

15 **VI. THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION: VIOLATION OF PROMPT PAYMENT ACT**

16 18. Archer's conduct in failing and refusing to pay Ceccanti for all labor and
17 material it provided to the Project, within the time required by applicable prompt pay
18 statutes, such amounts were due Ceccanti. As a consequence, Ceccanti is entitled to all relief
19 afforded by such statutes, including but limited to, penalties, interest and attorney fees.

20 **VII. FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION: PROMISSORY ESTOPPEL, UNJUST**
21 **ENRICHMENT AND QUANTUM MERUIT**

22 19. Archer requested and directed Ceccanti to perform work on the Project, and
23 through its statements and conduct promised that Archer would pay Ceccanti the reasonable
24 value of the work performed.

20. Ceccanti performed at Archer's request and direction, and provided benefits to
Archer in performing the Project in reasonable reliance on Archer's promises. Archer
accepted the benefits provided by Ceccanti. Archer has wrongfully refused and failed to pay

1 the full, fair, and reasonable value of the work performed by Ceccanti, thus breaching its
2 promises to Ceccanti.

3 21. Archer has been unjustly enriched at Ceccanti's expense and under the
4 circumstances it would be unjust for Archer to retain the benefits without compensating
5 Ceccanti for their value.

6 22. Ceccanti, at the request of Archer and with Archer's knowledge, provided,
7 performed, furnished and/or installed services, labor, material, and equipment in the course
8 of performing its construction work, all of which were incorporated for the benefit of Archer
9 and the Project. The reasonable value of the work performed by Ceccanti significantly
exceeds the amounts Archer has paid Ceccanti on the Project.

10 23. As an alternative claim for relief, Ceccanti is entitled to recover, on the basis
11 of the doctrines of unjust enrichment, promissory estoppel, and *quantum meruit* in order to
12 avoid unjust enrichment, and obtain the full, fair and reasonable value of the work it
performed.

13 **VIII. DEMAND FOR JURY**

14 Pursuant to FRCP 38 and LCR 38, Ceccanti hereby demands trial by jury.

15 **IX. PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

16 Ceccanti respectfully requests the following relief:

17 1. Judgment against all defendants jointly and severally for the principal sum of
18 \$154,444.00, or such other sum as will be proven at trial, plus interest at the maximum rate
19 legally permissible from the date said sums were due, plus any applicable attorneys' fees, and
costs plus all relief available under the applicable prompt pay statutes.

20 2. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and equitable.
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EXHIBIT A

Bond No. 106133964

PERFORMANCE BOND (See instructions on reverse)		DATE BOND EXECUTED (Must be same or later than date of contract) September 2, 2014	OMB No. 9000-0045								
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PRINCIPAL (Legal name and business address) Archer Western Federal JV 929 W Adams Street Chicago IL 60607		TYPE OF ORGANIZATION ("X" one) <input type="checkbox"/> INDIVIDUAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARTNERSHIP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JOINT VENTURE <input type="checkbox"/> CORPORATION STATE OF INCORPORATION Archer Western LLC, IL, Archer Western Contractors LLC DE									
SURETY(IES) (Name(s) and business address(es)) Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America One Tower Square Hartford CT 06183		PENAL SUM OF BOND <table border="1"> <tr> <th>MILLIONS</th> <th>THOUSANDS</th> <th>HUNDREDS</th> <th>CENTS</th> </tr> <tr> <td>36</td> <td>998</td> <td>000</td> <td>00</td> </tr> </table> CONTRACT DATE 8/26/2014 CONTRACT NO. W912DW-14-C-0023		MILLIONS	THOUSANDS	HUNDREDS	CENTS	36	998	000	00
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OBLIGATION: W912DW-14-C-0023

We, the Principal and Surety(ies), are firmly bound to the United States of America (hereinafter called the Government) in the above penal sum. For payment of the penal sum, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, and successors, jointly and severally. However, where the Sureties are corporations acting as co-sureties, we, the Sureties, bind ourselves in such sum "jointly and severally" as well as "separately" only for the purpose of allowing a joint action or actions against any or all of us. For all other purposes, each Surety binds itself, jointly and severally with the Principal, for the payment of the sum shown opposite the name of the Surety. If no limit of liability is indicated, the limit of liability is the full amount of the penal sum.

CONDITIONS:

The Principal has entered into the contract identified above.

THEREFORE:

the above obligation is void if the Principal:

(a)(1) Performs and fulfills all the undertakings, covenants, terms, conditions, and agreements of the contract during the original term of the contract and any extensions thereof that are granted by the Government, with or without notice to the Surety(ies), and during the life of any guaranty required under the contract, and (2) performs and fulfills all the undertakings, covenants, terms conditions, and agreements of any and all duly authorized modifications of the contract that hereafter are made. Notice of those modifications to the Surety(ies) are waived.

(b) Pays to the Government the full amount of the taxes imposed by the Government, if the said contract is subject to the Miller Act, (40 U.S.C. 270a-270a), which are collected, deducted, or withheld from wages paid by the Principal in carrying out the construction contract with respect to which this bond is furnished.

WITNESS:

The Principal and Surety(ies) executed this performance bond and affixed their seals on the above date

Archer Western Federal JV				PRINCIPAL	
SIGNATURE(S)	(Seal)	(Seal)	(Seal)	Corporate Seal	
NAME(S) & TITLE(S) (Typed)	Sean C. Walsh President, Managing Member				
INDIVIDUAL SURETY(IES)					
SIGNATURE(S)	(Seal)	(Seal)	(Seal)		
NAME(S) (Typed)					
CORPORATE SURETY(IES)					
NAME & ADDRESS	One Tower Square Hartford CT 06183	STATE OF INC	CT	LIABILITY LIMIT	\$188172000
SIGNATURE(S)	(Seal)	(Seal)	(Seal)		
NAME(S) & TITLE(S) (Typed)	Kerry Pecora Attorney-in-Fact				

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CORPORATE SURETY(IES) (Continued)			
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	SIGNATURE(S)		\$
SURETY C	NAME(S) & TITLE(S) (Typed)		
	SIGNATURE(S)		
SURETY D	NAME & ADDRESS	STATE OF INC.	LIABILITY LIMIT
	SIGNATURE(S)		\$
SURETY E	NAME(S) & TITLE(S) (Typed)		
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SURETY F	NAME & ADDRESS	STATE OF INC.	LIABILITY LIMIT
	SIGNATURE(S)		\$
SURETY G	NAME(S) & TITLE(S) (Typed)		
	SIGNATURE(S)		

BOND PREMIUM	RATE PER THOUSAND (%)	TOTAL (\$)
	*	\$209,484

*First 2.5 MM 6.83 per thousand
 Next 2.5 MM 6.04 per thousand
 Next 2.5 MM 5.91 per thousand
 Over 7.5 MM 5.31 per thousand

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. This form is authorized for use in connection with Government contracts. Any deviation from this form will require the written approval of the Administrator of General Services.

2. Insert the full legal name and business address of the Principal in the space designated "Principal" on the face of the form. An authorized person shall sign the bond. Any person signing in a representative capacity (e.g., an attorney-in-fact) must furnish evidence of authority if that representative is not a member of the firm, partnership, or joint venture, or an officer of the corporation involved.

3. (a) Corporations executing the bond as sureties must appear on the Department of the Treasury's list of approved sureties and must act within the limitation listed therein. Where more than one corporate surety is involved, their names and addresses shall appear in the spaces (Surety A, Surety B, etc.) headed "CORPORATE

SURETY(IES)". In the space designated, "SURETY(IES)" on the face of the form, insert only the letter identification of the sureties.

(b) Where individual sureties are involved, a completed Affidavit of Individual Surety (Standard Form 28) for each individual surety, shall accompany the bond. The Government may require the surety to furnish additional substantiating information concerning their financial capability.

4. Corporations executing the bond shall affix their corporate seals. Individuals shall execute the bond opposite the word "Corporate Seal" and shall affix an adhesive seal if executed in Maine, New Hampshire, or any other jurisdiction requiring adhesive seals.

5. Type the name and title of each person signing this bond in the space provided.

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Bond No. 106133964

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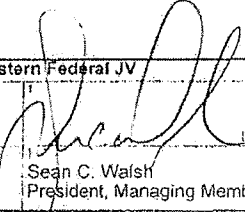
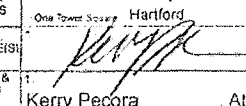
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CONDITIONS:

The above obligation is void if the Principal promptly makes payment to all persons having a direct relationship with the Principal or a subcontractor of the Principal for furnishing labor, material or both in the prosecution of the work provided for in the contract identified above, and any authorized modifications of the contract that subsequently are made. Notice of those modifications to the Surety(ies) are waived.

WITNESS:

The Principal and Surety(ies) executed this payment bond and affixed their seals on the above date

Archer Western Federal JV PRINCIPAL			
SIGNATURE(S) 		(Seal)	
NAME(S) & TITLE(S) (Typed) Sean C. Walsh President, Managing Member		Corporate Seal	
INDIVIDUAL SURETY(IES)			
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1. This form, for the protection of persons supplying labor and material, is used when a payment bond is required under the Act of August 24, 1935, 49 Stat. 793 (40 U.S.C. 270a-270n). Any deviation from this form will require the written approval of the Administrator of General Services.

2. Insert the full legal name and business address of the Principal in the space designated "Principal" on the face of the form. An authorized person shall sign the bond. Any person signing in a representative capacity (e.g., an attorney-in-fact) must furnish evidence of authority if that representative is not a member of the firm, partnership, or joint venture, or an officer of the corporation involved.

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5. Type the name and title of each person signing this bond in the space provided.

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TRAVELERS**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Farmington Casualty Company
 Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Company
 Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Underwriters, Inc.
 St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company
 St. Paul Guardian Insurance Company

St. Paul Mercury Insurance Company
 Travelers Casualty and Surety Company
 Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America
 United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company

Attorney-In Fact No. 225482

Certificate No. 005959117

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That Farmington Casualty Company, St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, St. Paul Guardian Insurance Company, St. Paul Mercury Insurance Company, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, and United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company are corporations duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut, that Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Iowa, and that Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Underwriters, Inc., is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Wisconsin therein collectively called the "Companies", and that the Companies do hereby make, constitute and appoint

Brian R. Walsh, J. William Ernstrom, Jodi Wallace, and Kerry Pecora

of the City of Chicago, State of Illinois, their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, each in their separate capacity if more than one is named above, to sign, execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, recognizances, conditional undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof on behalf of the Companies in their business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any actions or proceedings allowed by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed, this 23rd day of June, 2014.

Farmington Casualty Company
 Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Company
 Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Underwriters, Inc.
 St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company
 St. Paul Guardian Insurance Company

St. Paul Mercury Insurance Company
 Travelers Casualty and Surety Company
 Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America
 United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company



State of Connecticut
 City of Hartford ss.

By:

Robert L. Roney
 Robert L. Roney, Senior Vice President

On this the 23rd day of June, 2014, before me personally appeared Robert L. Roney, who acknowledged himself to be the Senior Vice President of Farmington Casualty Company, Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Company, Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Underwriters, Inc., St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, St. Paul Guardian Insurance Company, St. Paul Mercury Insurance Company, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, and United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, and that he, as such, being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing on behalf of the corporations by himself as a duly authorized officer.

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.
 My Commission expires the 30th day of June, 2016.



Marie C. Tetreault
 Marie C. Tetreault, Notary Public

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WARNING: THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY IS INVALID WITHOUT THE RED BORDER

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This Power of Attorney is granted under and by the authority of the following resolutions adopted by the Boards of Directors of Farmington Casualty Company, Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Company, Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Underwriters, Inc., St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, St. Paul Guardian Insurance Company, St. Paul Mercury Insurance Company, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, and United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, which resolutions are now in full force and effect, reading as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary may appoint Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents to act for and on behalf of the Company and may give such appointee such authority as his or her certificate of authority may prescribe to sign with the Company's name and seal with the Company's seal bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking, and any of said officers or the Board of Directors at any time may remove any such appointee and revoke the power given him or her; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President may delegate all or any part of the foregoing authority to one or more officers or employees of this Company, provided that each such delegation is in writing and a copy thereof is filed in the office of the Secretary; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any bond, recognizance, contract of indemnity, or writing obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking shall be valid and binding upon the Company when (a) signed by the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary and duly attested and sealed with the Company's seal by a Secretary or Assistant Secretary; or (b) duly executed (under seal, if required) by one or more Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents pursuant to the power prescribed in his or her certificate or their certificates of authority or by one or more Company officers pursuant to a written delegation of authority; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the signature of each of the following officers: President, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Assistant Vice President, any Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any Power of Attorney or to any certificate relating thereto appointing Resident Vice Presidents, Resident Assistant Secretaries or Attorneys-in-Fact for purposes only of executing and attesting bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and any such Power of Attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signature or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company and any such power so executed and certified by such facsimile signature and facsimile seal shall be valid and binding on the Company in the future with respect to any bond or understanding to which it is attached.

I, Kevin E. Hughes, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary, of Farmington Casualty Company, Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Company, Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Underwriters, Inc., St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, St. Paul Guardian Insurance Company, St. Paul Mercury Insurance Company, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, and United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, which is in full force and effect and has not been revoked.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seals of said Companies this 2 day of September, 2014


Kevin E. Hughes, Assistant Secretary



To verify the authenticity of this Power of Attorney, call 1-800-421-3880 or contact us at www.travelersbond.com. Please refer to the Attorney-In-Fact number, the above-named individuals and the details of the bond to which the power is attached.

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